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EUROPEAN BRIEF 115-74.4

1. CYPRUS: CYPRUS WAS RELATIVELY QUIET ON JULY 25 AS THE TURKS CONTINUED TO BRING REINFORCEMENTS ASHORE AT THE PORT OF KYRENIA. A TURKISH ARMORED COLUMN FROM KYRENIA PASSED THROUGH NICOSIA TOWARD THE EAST, APPARENTLY INTENDING TO RELIEVE SOME TURKISH CYPRIOT VILLAGES IN THE CHATOS ENCLAVE NORTHEAST OF NICOSIA.4

SEVERAL VILLAGES IN THE ENCLAVE, INCLUDING THE TOWN OF CHATOS ITSELF, HAVE BEEN ABANDONED OR WERE SURRENDERED TO GREEK CYPRIOT FORCES OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS. TURKISH CYPRIOT RESIDENTS FLED TO A NEARBY VILLAGE WHERE THE LOCAL COMMANDER APPEALED FOR AID.4

//IN A CALL TO THE US AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA, THE SENIOR UN REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS ASKED FOR "GREAT POWER" HELP IN HALTING THE CONTINUING TURKISH ADVANCE. THE UN HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH TURKISH ARMY FORCES ON THE ISLAND.//4

NEWLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT CLERIDES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING TURKISH REINFORCEMENT. HE BELIEVES THE TURKS INTEND TO EXPAND THEIR AREAS OF CONTROL BEYOND THE CORRIDOR FROM THE

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COAST TO NICOSIA THAT THEY HAD ESTABLISHED WHEN THE CEASE-FIRE BEGAN.4

MEANWHILE, TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAS CLAIMED THAT HE HAS ANKARA'S ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL RETAIN CONTROL OF THE NICOSIA-KYRENIA CORRIDOR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANKARA HAS NO INTENTION OF DISPLACING THE GREEKS LIVING IN THIS AREA, MOST OF WHOM ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE KYRENIA VICINITY.4

GREEK, TURKISH, AND UK REPRESENTATIVES MET IN GENEVA AS PLANNED ON JULY 25. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST SESSION WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS, THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS TRADED ACCUSATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS.4

DURING THE MEETING TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES STRESSED THAT THE CONFERENCE MUST BROADEN ITS SCOPE "AFTER A WEEK," TO ENCOMPASS BASIC CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. IN AN EARLIER INTERVIEW, HE HAD SAID THAT HE FAVORED A FEDERAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THAT PARTITION OF THE ISLAND WAS NOT A TURKISH GOAL.4

GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MARVOS, HOWEVER, REJECTED SUGGESTIONS THAT A FEDERATION BE SET UP AND INSISTED THAT THE CONFERENCE BE

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STRICTLY LIMITED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.4

//MEANWHILE, THE TURKISH UN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UK AT THE GENEVA TALKS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE BRITISH INTERVENTION ON JULY 25 AT THE NICOSIA AIRPORT. THE TURKS HAD ALREADY PLEDGED TO THE UN ON JULY 24 THAT THEY WOULD NOT ATTACK THE AIRPORT. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE ADDED THAT ANKARA FELT HUMILIATED AND CONSIDERED THAT THE BRITISH TACTICS REFLECTED A "DETERMINATION TO EMBARRASS THE TURKS."//

2. GREECE: CYPRUS, RATHER THAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, IS THE IMMEDIATE FOCUS OF ATTENTION FOR THE KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT.4

IN A SPEECH ON JULY 25, THE NEW PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD FORMED HIS "NONPARTISAN" GOVERNMENT WITH AN EYE TO GARNERING BROAD SUPPORT FOR DEALING WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE REITERATED THAT GREECE FAVORS INDEPENDENCE FOR CYPRUS. AFTER THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVED, KARAMANLIS PROMISED THAT, BOLSTERED WITH "NEW FORCES," HIS GOVERNMENT WILL TURN ITS ATTENTION TO DEVELOPING A "TRULY PROGRESSIVE" DEMOCRACY.4

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KARAMANLIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT TO THE FULLEST THE DOMESTIC EUPHORIA FLOWING FROM THE END OF THE SEVEN-YEAR MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. WIDESPREAD CLATION, AND HIS HINTS THAT HE MAY LATER BROADEN THE BASE OF THE GOVERNMENT, WILL LIMIT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AGITATION BY LEFTISTS AGAINST BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE NEW GOVERNMENT.Y

THE LEFT, AFTER YEARS OF SUPPRESSION BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS, IS BEGINNING TO MOBILIZE ITS ADHERENTS. THE COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JULY 24 OPENLY CRITICIZING KARAMANLIS' DECISION. IMPLYING THAT KARAMANLIS WAS MERELY THE PUPPET OF THE MILITARY, THE STATEMENT SAID THE GREEK PEOPLE DID NOT FIGHT FOR SEVEN YEARS ONLY TO "DISGUISE THEIR YOKE."

KARAMANLIS WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE ATTITUDE OF THE MILITARY IN DEALING WITH LEFTIST PRESSURES. THE 1967 COUP WAS CARRIED OUT AFTER MILITARY LEADERS CONCLUDED THAT LEFTISTS WERE BECOMING TOO PROMINENT IN GREEK POLITICAL LIFE. DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF HAS ALREADY PUT THE LEFTISTS ON NOTICE THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TOLERATE DISORDERS.Y

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THE CONTINUING REINFORCEMENT OF TURKISH FORCES ON CYPRUS DURING THE CEASE-FIRE MUST BE PARTICULARLY WORRISOME TO THE GREEK GENERALS, AND THE NEW POLITICAL LEADERSHIP HAS NOT BEEN LAX IN PROTESTING SUCH ACTIVITY.

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